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SUBJ: AD-HOC MEETING WITH ARGENTINE MINISTER OF ECONOMY ON
HUMAN RIGHTS

1. FOLLOWING THIS MORNING'S BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH ARGENTINA (REPORTED SEPARATELY BY MEMO), SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL ASKED ME TO ARRANGE MEETING BETWEEN CONGRESSMAN BADILLO AND ARGENTINE MINISTER OF ECONOMY MARTINEZ DE HOZ. BLUMENTHAL FELT SUCH A MEETING WOULD SUPPORT OUR PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

2. MARTINEZ AND CONGRESSMAN BADILLO MET FOR APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES DURING WHICH TIME MARTINEZ EXPLAINED ARGENTINA'S POSITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN DETAIL. BADILLO IN SPANISH WENT OVER HIS HUMAN RIGHTS BILL AND EXPLAINED THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS. BADILLO ALSO TOOK PAINS TO EXPLAIN HIS VIEW ON LEGITIMACY OF SOVEREIGN NATIONS TO COMBAT TERRORISM. HE USED BRITISH/NORTHERN IRELAND AND ISRAELI EXAMPLES. HE STRESSED, HOWEVER, DIFFERENCES BETWEEN "FIRE FIGHTS" AND "DESAPARECIDOS". MARTINEZ ACCEPTED A COPY OF THE BADILLO BILL ALTHOUGH HE STATED THAT HE ALREADY KNEW ITS CONTENTS.

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3. AFTER CONGRESSMAN BADILLO LEFT HURRIEDLY ON HIS WAY TO AIRPORT WITH SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL, I REMAINED BEHIND WITH MARTINEZ AS HE FINISHED LUNCH. AT THIS TIME I REITERATED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE IN THE MORNALIZATION OF US-ARGENTINE RELATIONS.

4. IN THE EARLIER BILATERAL DISCUSSION, SECRETARY

BLUMENTHAL RAISED A POINT WHICH, ALTHOUGH NOT DIRECTLY CONNECTED, BROUGHT ABOUT A RESPONSE FROM MARTINEZ CONCERNING THE "FALSENESS" OF ALLEGED ANTI-SEMITISM WHICH IS SUPPOSEDLY NOW PREVALENT IN ARGENTINA. DURING THE LATER AD-HOC MEETING MARTINEZ AGAIN BROUGHT UP THIS ANTI-SEMITISM TOPIC AND WENT INTO DETAIL CONCERNING THE GELBARD-GRAIVER ISSUE. HE SUGGESTED TO ME THAT GELBARD WAS IN LEAGUE WITH GRAIVER AND THAT THIS EXPLAINED GELBARD'S CURRENT "CAMPAIGN" IN THE US AGAINST THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT.

5. AT CLOSE OF DISCUSSION, I MENTIONED TO MARTINEZ THAT IT COULD BE INJURIOUS FOR A "SOUTHERN CONE" COALITION TO BE FORMED WHICH WOULD BE DESIGNED TO FORMULATE A RESPONSE TO US HUMAN RIGHTS POLICIES. HE ASSURED ME THAT ARGENTINA WOULD NEVER ENTER INTO AN "EJE" OR COALITION WITH CHILE OR ANYBODY ELSE ON THIS ISSUE. MARTINEZ ADDED THAT DURING VIDELA'S VISIT TO VENEZUELA THE GOA OFFICIALS HAD BEEN APPROACHED TO FORM AN "EJE" OF VENEZUELA AND ARGENTINA VERSUS BRAZIL. THIS HE SAID WAS DECLINED BY THE GOA.

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